

Why is boat sewage a problem?

- ✓ **Sewage contains nutrients** (think of manure that is often used as a fertilizer). These nutrients, if added to a waterbody, can be used by aquatic plants and algae to reproduce. Excess plants and algae are aesthetically unpleasant and can be harmful to humans and other organisms.
- ✓ **Microorganisms are present in the digestive tracts of all warm-blooded animals**, including humans. Some of these organisms (whether bacteria, viruses, or protozoans) can transmit diseases to people who come in contact with contaminated waters. Boat sewage discharges increase the likelihood of the introduction of diseases like gastroenteritis and typhoid.
- ✓ **Some chemicals found in boat holding tanks are toxic to aquatic life.** Chlorine and formaldehyde can pose a threat to fish, insects, and other organisms.
- ✓ Sewage and other organic matter are broken up in the water by bacteria. **Bacteria use the oxygen that lake organisms need to survive.** Excess amounts of organic matter in the water mean more oxygen will be consumed by bacteria. This results in suffocation of fish and other aquatic animals.
- ✓ **Boats often congregate in shallow, sheltered areas that are not well-circulated by currents and wind.** Any pollution released into the water in these areas remains here. Microorganisms, toxic chemicals, and nutrients concentrate in the water resulting in an even greater problem.

**Do your part - keep boat sewage out of
New Hampshire's sensitive waters!**

For more information about New Hampshire's Clean Vessel Act Program, visit the website at:
www.des.nh.gov/wmb/cva/

Or,

Contact the program coordinator:
N.H. Dept. of Environmental Services
Clean Vessel Act Program
29 Hazen Dr., P.O. Box 95
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(603) 271-0698



Your purchase of fishing equipment and motor boat fuels supports Sport Fish Restoration and pumpout and dump station facilities.

Boat Sewage Pumpout Facilities in the Lakes Region



Keep Our Water Clean - Use Pumpouts!

Provided by
New Hampshire
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Public Pumpout Facilities

Waterbody	Marina Name	Town	Phone Number
Lake Winnepesaukee	Robert's Cove Marina	Alton	(603) 569-1800
Lake Winnepesaukee	West Alton Marina	Alton	(603) 875-7788
Lake Winnepesaukee	Fay's Boat Yard	Gilford	(603) 293-8000
Lake Winnepesaukee	Mountainview Yacht Club	Gilford	(603) 293-0059
Lake Winnepesaukee	Silver Sands Marina	Gilford	(603) 293-7200
Lake Winnepesaukee	Lakeport Landing	Lakeport	(603) 524-3755
Lake Winnepesaukee	Paugus Bay Marina	Laconia	(603) 524-1233
Lake Winnepesaukee	Irwin Marine	Laconia	(603) 524-6661
Lake Winnepesaukee	Channel Marine	Weirs Beach	(603) 366-4801
Lake Winnepesaukee	Anchor Marine	Weirs Beach	(603) 366-4311
Lake Winnepesaukee	Meredith Marina	Meredith	(603) 279-7921
Lake Winnepesaukee	Meredith Town Docks	Meredith	(603) 279-4538
Lake Winnepesaukee	Shep Brown's Boat Basin	Meredith	(603) 527-1882
Lake Winnepesaukee	Wolfeboro Corinthian Yacht Club	Wolfeboro	(603) 569-1234
Lake Winnepesaukee	Goodhue & Hawkins Navy Yard	Wolfeboro	(603) 569-2371
Lake Winnisquam	Winnisquam Marine	Winnisquam	(603) 532-8380
Lake Sunapee	Sunapee Harbor – Dump Station Only	Sunapee	
Squam Lake	Riveredge Marina – Dump Station Only	Ashland	(603) 968-4411

Please note: Pumpout facilities at the marinas listed in **purple** were funded by the Clean Vessel Act Program. Therefore, the maximum fee that can be charged per pumpout is \$5.00.

Coastal marina pumpouts are listed on the DES Clean Vessel Act website: www.des.nh.gov/wmb/cva.



Is your boat in compliance?

- * If your boat does not have a toilet, it does not need a holding tank. You can operate your boat on any waterbody. Please be sure to use public restrooms.
- * **Portable toilets: Please empty the portable toilet upon return to shore.** Use a portable toilet dump station (available at several marinas).
- * **Fixed toilets with a holding tank cannot contain a flow-through device** (known to many as a “y-valve”). Boats with toilets in the freshwaters of the state cannot be constructed and operated so as to discharge any sewage overboard. No boat shall be launched into fresh waters that are not compliant.

If you are not sure if your boat is in compliance with state laws, **please call us to inspect your boat.**

DES operates a Boat Inspection Program during the summer months. Inspectors visit Lakes Region marinas and conduct free inspections of boats that contain toilet systems. They do a one-time, thorough inspection of a boat's plumbing system to make sure the boat is equipped in compliance with the state's no discharge law.

If any problems are identified, the inspector will let you know what needs to be fixed. Inspectors will re-inspect your boat to certify the toilet system is now compliant with the no discharge law.

Boats that are in compliance with the no discharge law are provided with a decal to be displayed. Boats not displaying a decal are subject to inspection. If found not in compliance with the law, boat owners are given 48 hours to remedy noted defects. Those that are still not compliant after the 48-hour period are required to surrender the boat registration.

Call (603) 271-3414 to request a boat inspection